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New United States Senators.

As the West Virginia Legislature has adjourned and Congress is still in session, the vacancy in the representation from that State in the United States Senate will necessarily "happen" during the "recess" of the Legislature--to wit, on the 4th of March, or next week. So that in this case no question can be raised as to the right of the Governor to appoint. The same will be the case in New Jersey if the Legislature of that State shall adjourn before the term of the present Congress shall expire. But the Legislature is not likely to do so, we suppose.

And so the sticklers for constitutionalities will contend that the Governor of New Jersey cannot in that case appoint, he having this right only when the vacancy happens during the "recess" of the Legislature. In the case of Indiana, if the United States Senate shall refuse to seat Mr. TERRY, it cannot do so before next winter, unless there be an extra session, and so the vacancy will "happen" during the recess of the Legislature, inasmuch as the Legislature of that State meets only once in two years.

Whom will Governor WILSON, of West Virginia, appoint? The names mentioned in the Charleston telegram in our issue of yesterday were those of HENRY S. WALKER and DANIEL B. LUCAS. Mr. WALKER was what was called a "greenback fanatic" a few years ago. He is said to be perhaps the finest stump-speaker in West Virginia. From what we know of him and have heard from other persons concerning him, we have come to the conclusion that he is not such a man as ought to be elevated to the United States Senate; and we trust he will not be. Mr. LUCAS ought not to be appointed. Why not? Because he was one of the leaders of the "rebels" of the West Virginia Legislature, who refused to support the caucus nominee--CAMDEN. He certainly ought not to be allowed to profit by his refusal to act with his party; and, though Governor WILSON and he are both Jefferson-county men, and though the Governor is himself an anti-CAMDEN man, we do not think that Mr. LUCAS will be the fortunate appointee. There are numbers of good men and true in West Virginia who are capable, faithful, and honest. We mention SAMUEL WOODS, A. F. HAYMOND, and JOHN BRANNON--all of whom reside in that part of the State entitled to the other United States Senator, Mr. KENNA residing in the Kanawha district, and any one of whom would do honor to West Virginia and to Virginia as it was before there was a State of West Virginia. There are others well entitled to the honor living in other parts of the State--Congressman WILSON and Governor WILSON himself for instance.

Mr. CAMDEN is not expected to be the Governor's appointee, he and Governor WILSON belonging to different factions of the Democratic party. We have no tears to shed over CAMDEN's defeat. We sympathized with him only in his character of Democratic nominee. If the Governor shall appoint either one of the four men we have named, or any one of a dozen others we have named, we will send an able Senator to Washington than Mr. CAMDEN.

The People and the President. The Philadelphia Evening Telegraph, in commenting upon the failure of the House of Representatives to pass the dependent pension bill over the President's veto, says:

"The President--whatever the professional politician in Congress and the people may say--is undoubtedly sustained by the better sentiment of the nation, and there is no one act of his official career since he has been in the White House that has done so much to gain him the entire respect and entire confidence of judicious men of all parties and all sections as the veto which the demagogue of the House was yesterday unable to overrule. It will be fortunate if the upshot of this whole business shall be to put the pension system of the nation on a very different and very much more business-like basis than it has ever been. Hitherto even men of sound judgment and sound patriotism have been afraid to oppose pension bills, no matter how outrageous; and the result of this cowardice has been to tax the nation many millions of dollars that have demoralized and pauperized a dozen men where one has been legitimately helped."

The Telegraph gauges the better sentiment of the nation correctly. Moreover, when public men begin to appreciate that fact we may look for more business-like legislation not only in respect of the pension system, but in respect of a good many other matters.

Wasting Water.

The Index-Appell of yesterday comes out for the use of water-meters in Petersburg. It suggests that the immense volume of water wasted might, if properly husbanded, be used as a motive power. We quote:

"There is no reasonable doubt of the fact that more water is wasted than would be necessary to pay the expenses of the Water-Works Department if it could be utilized for manufacturing purposes. The Index-Appell long ago called attention to this matter, and showed that there were many small manufacturers in this city who would

RAILROAD BILLS.

SOME THAT PASSED THE HOUSE YESTERDAY.

Other Legislation--A Deputy Collector Ambushed by Moonshiners--A Narrow Escape--Personal.

(Special telegram to the Dispatch.) RALEIGH, N. C., February 23.--In the Senate a bill supplementary to the bill regulating revenue was introduced. Senator Bryan, of Duplin, speaking to the question of personal privilege, severely criticised Dr. Eugene Grissom, superintendent of the Insane Asylum here.

In the House Mr. York presented a bill making an appropriation for the penitentiary. It appropriates \$150,000 for each of the next two years, or \$19,000 more than the present appropriation. It is only for the support of the penitentiary, as the moonshiners struck out the item of \$25,000 for the completion of a farm, and the completion of the buildings in the penitentiary grounds. The increase on the amount of appropriation is made necessary by the great number of convicts granted for the works of public improvement. York says the bill will pass as presented.

The railway incorporation bills passed the House to-day as follows: Asheville and Greenville, Asheville and Tennessee, Asheville and North Carolina, Asheville and Alabama, Asheville and Georgia, Asheville and Florida, Asheville and Louisiana, Asheville and Mississippi, Asheville and Texas, Asheville and Arkansas, Asheville and Missouri, Asheville and Illinois, Asheville and Indiana, Asheville and Ohio, Asheville and Pennsylvania, Asheville and Maryland, Asheville and Delaware, Asheville and New Jersey, Asheville and New York, Asheville and Connecticut, Asheville and Rhode Island, Asheville and Massachusetts, Asheville and Vermont, Asheville and New Hampshire, Asheville and Maine.

Moonshiners ambushed Deputy Collector Harrison killed Horace Jones, and shot at him. Just as the man fired a companion of Wood's happened to see the assassin and fired at him. This diverted the aim of the assassin, and the load from the shotgun tore away Wood's coat-sleeve. He escaped unhurt.

Governor Seale's private secretary to-day received a telegram from Goldsboro, asking a respite for Henry Arlia, who is to be hanged next Tuesday. Governor Seale was telegraphed by the secretary of the State, and the latter learned that he had left that city and would be here to-night. He will probably reside at the Raleigh Hotel until he can look into the matter.

THE MYSTERY OF A MURDER. Last month, in Edgecombe county, a man named Harrison killed Horace Jones, and shot at him. Just as the man fired a companion of Wood's happened to see the assassin and fired at him. This diverted the aim of the assassin, and the load from the shotgun tore away Wood's coat-sleeve. He escaped unhurt.

THE DIGNIFIED CASE. It was first learned here that Momo Diggs, a tritish, killed Cash (colored), was sentenced to be hanged, after conviction of murder. It is since learned by the penitentiary authorities that he was convicted of manslaughter only, and has been sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary at hard labor.

AN IMPROBABLE RESOLUTION. Last night the House adopted a resolution which will have an important bearing. It is as follows: "That before any county, city, town, or other municipal corporation can contract any debt, pledge its faith or loan its credit, without the levy or collection of any tax except for ordinary expenses, it must be sanctioned by a majority of all the qualified voters thereof."

THE STATE INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL. The bill to establish this school was taken up last night in the House at a late hour and discussed. Finally it was postponed until next Tuesday.

THE UNIVERSITY BILL. One to be taken up as special orders. One of these bills repeals the act of the last Legislature giving the University \$150,000 yearly; the other repeals the act giving each county a free scholarship. Yet another bill, increasing the number of such free scholarships in that for each county, may be taken up at the same time. The University appears to have a good many enemies, unfortunately, and is making an earnest fight against them.

A COTTON-FACTORY FOR RALEIGH. Plans are on foot to have Edward Atkinson, of Boston, come here and deliver a lecture on industrial matters, and particularly on cotton manufacturing, with a view to the erection of a large factory here in this city.

WELDON BILLS. (Special telegram to the Dispatch.) WILMINGTON, N. C., February 26.--Judge W. A. Daniel, Associate Justice of our Inferior Court, has tendered his resignation.

Mr. George T. Simmons, our popular clerk of the Inferior Court, will also tender his resignation to accept of a more eligible position in Henderson, N. C. Judge Thomas N. Hill, of Halifax, N. C., and Miss Mary A. Long, of York, will be married next Tuesday, March 1st, at the residence of the bride. They will leave immediately after the ceremony for New York and other northern cities.

MOONSHINERS CAUGHT. An Accident Enables an Officer to Detect Them.

A Burlington (Vt.) special says: United States authorities in this State have just succeeded in finding a gang of moonshiners who have for several years been doing an extensive illicit distillery business in Orange county. The manner in which they were detected is very remarkable. An officer of this city was riding through the wildest portion of Orange county, which is the roughest in this mountainous State, in a stage, of which he was the only occupant, when he was overtaken by a party of moonshiners. When they were discovered, the driver asked his lone passenger if he would like a drink of either brandy or whisky. Owing in part to the remoteness of the locality and renders the procuring of other liquor difficult, as well as the fact that either brandy or whisky is a "snap" in itself, it is the favorite drink of the people there, and it happened that the officer wanted to find out where this liquor was made. He accordingly stated that he would like a "horn" very much.

This paragon convinced the driver that he was all right, and accordingly in a few minutes the officer was surprised to see the driver stop near a clump of bushes. The twain went to the rear and in a hollow stump a large bottle of brandy was found. Each took a drink, and the driver said further to the officer that he would like a small sum of money with the bottle and drive on. By pretending that he was well acquainted with the business and sympathizing with his followers he managed to learn the whereabouts of the gang. Investigation showed that a party of moonshiners had been in the neighborhood for some time since Edson and Loren Magoon were arrested and bound over to the February term of court. Evidence against them was slight, but on Thursday United States Marshal Robinson and Deputy Marshals of E. T. Smith of Topham, made a raid on other Magoon families and made a rich haul. At several different houses in retired places they found distillery apparatus, including boilers, worms, and all the accoutrements, and succeeded in arresting five of the gang--Asa and William Magoon,

SOUTH-SIDE FIRE.

SOUTHAMPTON AND THE ATLANTIC AND DANVILLE RAILROAD.

Republican Council Causes--Serious Losses by Theft--Interesting Personal.

(Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.) PETERSBURG, February 26, 1887. The dwelling-house of Mr. Robert J. Brown, in Prince George county, a few miles from town, was destroyed by fire night before last. The building was not a large one, and it is understood, was insured for a sum nearly sufficient to cover the loss.

The following gentleman from Southampton who is in the city to-day says that much feeling has been aroused by the proposition which will be submitted to the voters of the county during the second week in March to increase the road tax in aid of the construction of the Atlantic and Danville railroad. The road will run for a distance of forty miles through the county. While the better class of citizens favor the appropriation, there is a strong opposition; and it is impossible to say what the result of the election will be. The belief is that the vote will be very close. It is said that there are powerful influences at work against the building of the road. It is understood that the plan of the Atlantic and Danville Company is to change the gauge of the road from its present narrow width between Clarendon and Hicksford to the standard wide gauge.

At a caucus of the Republican members of the Common Council held last night Mr. Bartlett Roper was nominated for the seat in the Council on the Third Ward made vacant by the resignation of Mr. Theo. Crowder. It is understood that the Democrats will also make a nomination. It is expected that the proceedings of the Council on the 1st proximo will be of unusual interest.

The farmers are busily preparing their plant-beds, and the probability is that the usual area will be planted in tobacco this year in this section. The exports of manufactured tobacco from Petersburg this week were a little over \$8,000 pounds, and the internal revenue collections amounted to \$9,577.77.

LOSERS BY THEFT. The Norfolk and Western Railroad Company has been so annoyed during the winter months by the thefts of coal from the trains passing through this city that it was found necessary to employ special watchmen to protect the trains. Numerous arrests have been made and discharges or convictions have followed. In the majority of cases of conviction the parties have appealed to the Hustings Court. The prisoners were mostly youths, of both colors. This morning two boys were convicted of stealing coal and sentenced to jail. The company claims to have a large quantity of the coal from trains in transit.

In the Mayor's Court this morning a colored young man named William Younger alias William Cooke was arraigned on three separate charges of larceny. He was convicted of stealing an overcoat, a property of William Brown, and sentenced to three months imprisonment. He was also given an additional sentence of thirty days for the theft of money from Mr. T. A. Palmer, where he was employed. The third charge was not investigated in the absence of witnesses.

The sales of loose tobacco at the warehouses in this city during the present week aggregated about 450,000 pounds. The better grades brought good prices, but unfortunately the great bulk of the offerings were of poor quality.

From the best information to be gained to-day it is believed that the call for an extra session of the Legislature is approved, and that if wise counsel be observed in dealing with the subject, great good will result to the State and a very troublesome matter be removed from the political arena.

PERSONAL NOTES. Mr. George P. Lynch, aged about fifty-one years, died this morning of congestion of the brain after a brief illness. He was a widower and several children. He was a genial, warm-hearted man; was a gallant soldier during the late war, and for some years was the proprietor of a large livery-stable here. He attended the Old Graves' celebration on the 23rd instant, and was one of the speakers at the banquet.

Mr. Frank Clements, a popular young citizen, has been appointed assistant mailing clerk in the post-office here, and will enter upon his duties on the 1st of March. His removal is much regretted by the company.

The Bishop of the diocese will visit the Episcopal churches in this city on the third Sunday in March, and will have classes for confirmation at all of the churches.

Mr. R. L. Goodwyn, of Brunswick county, a veteran of the Mexican war, writes to this city to correct the statement of his death. He is still hale and hearty.

HARRISONBURG. Grand Jury Work--Indicted for Arson--County Notes.

(Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.) FEBRUARY 25, 1887. The grand jury of our county, which was in session here for three days this week, made a large number of indictments--eleven of them being against the liquor-sellers of Harrisonburg for violation of the Sunday law and for selling to minors. Every saloon-keeper in the town but one was indicted, and against one many as eight were returned. An indictment was also found against P. C. Kaylor, a well-known young man of Pleasant Valley, for the arson of his own mill, which will likely occasion much interest when it comes to trial. He was arrested, but the county jail here last week was captured this week and again incarcerated. They were indicted by the grand jury this week for housebreaking.

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